# 2008 Tax Updates

#### Utah State Tax Commission

This tax update will give a basic overview of the changes for the 2008 filing season.









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You may want to have a 2008 Individual Income Tax book as you go through this tutorial.

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### **Online Resources**

The following sites are provided for convenience in finding information.

Tax Practitioner Information	tax.utah.gov/taxpros
Forms and Publications	tax.utah.gov/forms
<b>Individual Income Tax</b>	incometax.utah.gov
Corporate Tax	tax.utah.gov/corporate
Sales Tax	tax.utah.gov/sales
Withholding Tax	tax.utah.gov/withholding
Tax Instruction/Training	tax.utah.gov/training
<b>Legislative Updates</b>	tax.utah.gov/research/legislation.html
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## **Individual Income Tax**







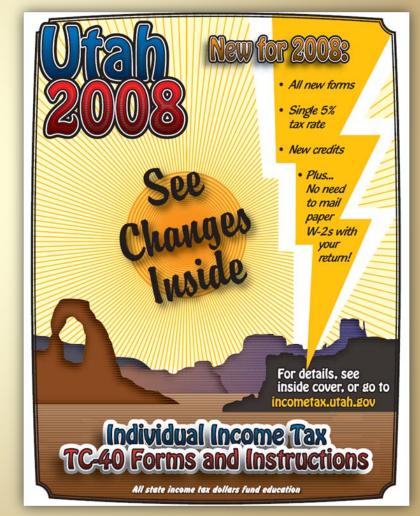


There were three legislative sessions that changed the 2008 Individual Income Tax return (TC-40):

SB 4001 (2006 4th Special Session)

SB 223 (2007 General Session)

HB 359 (2008 General Session)









The forms have been re-organized this year. This was done to streamline processes.

This Year	Name	Last Year
TC-40A	Supplemental schedule	TC-40S
TC-40B	Non- or part-year resident	TC-40C
TC-40C	Retirement credit	TC-40B
TC-40S	Income tax paid to another state	TC-40A

There is also a new form this year—the TC-40W, *Utah Withholding Tax Schedule*. It will be discussed later in this tutorial.

Let's start by going through the return.



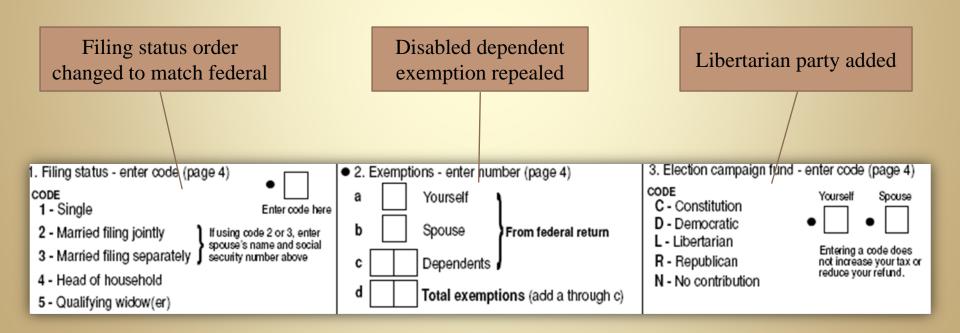




## Filing Status ◆ Exemptions ◆ Election Campaign Fund

The first three boxes on the return have changed:

- Box 1—the filing status order now matches the federal form.
- Box 2—the disabled dependent exemption was repealed.
- Box 3—the Libertarian party was added to the election campaign fund.







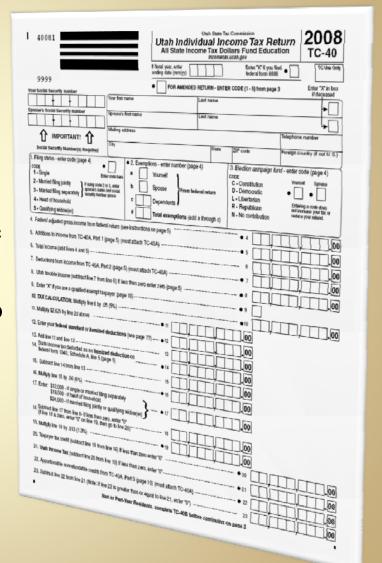




#### Single Rate Tax

Last year income tax was calculated using both the traditional and single rate methods. The taxpayer paid the lesser of those taxes.

This year the dual tax system is gone and the single rate is 5% of Utah taxable income rather than the 5.35% used last year.

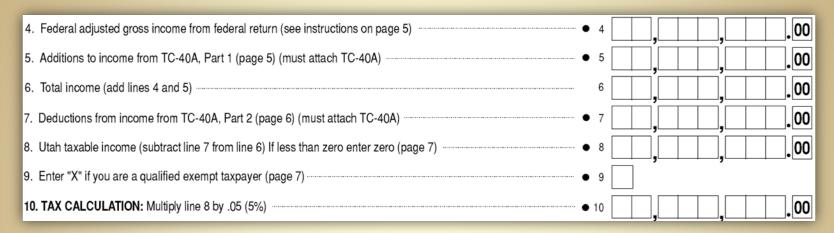






#### Single Rate Calculation

The single rate tax is calculated on lines 4-10 of the TC-40.



- Line 4—Enter the federal adjusted gross income.
- Line 5—Enter any additions to income from the TC-40A, Part 1.
- Line 6—Add lines 4 and 5.
- Line 7—Enter the deductions from income from the TC-40A, Part 2.
- Line 8—Subtract line 7 from line 6 and enter the difference on line 8. This is the **Utah taxable income**.
- Line 9—Only used by qualified exempt taxpayers.
- Line 10—Multiply the amount on line 8 by 5 percent to get the **single rate tax**.







This year there is also a new Taxpayer Tax Credit to compensate for some of the repealed items. This credit is:

- 6% of the Utah Exemptions plus the federal standard or itemized deductions
  - —(minus state tax deducted on Schedule A)

The credit is subject to a phase out of 1.3% on income over:

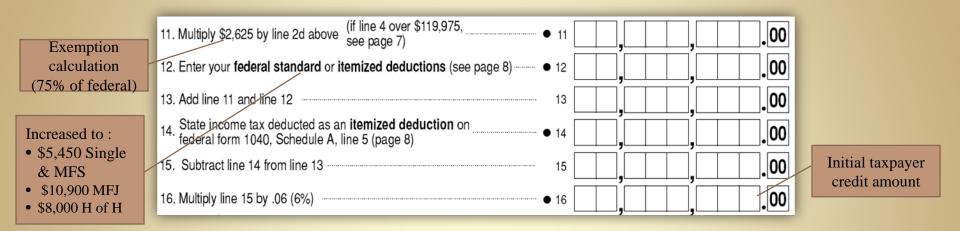
- —\$12,000 Single and Married Filing Separately
- —\$18,000 Head of Household
- —\$24,000 Married Filing Jointly and Qualifying Widow(er)





#### Taxpayer Tax Credit Calculation

The taxpayer tax credit is calculated on lines 11-16.



- Line 11—Multiply the number of exemptions on line 2d by \$2,625 (the Utah exemption amount this year).
- Line 12—Enter either the federal standard or itemized deductions.
- Line 13—Add lines 11 and 12.
- Line 14—If the taxpayer itemized and had state income tax deducted on the federal Schedule A line 5, enter that amount.
- Line 15—Subtract line 14 from line 13 and enter the difference.
- Line 16—Multiply the amount on line 15 by 6 percent to get the **initial taxpayer** tax credit.

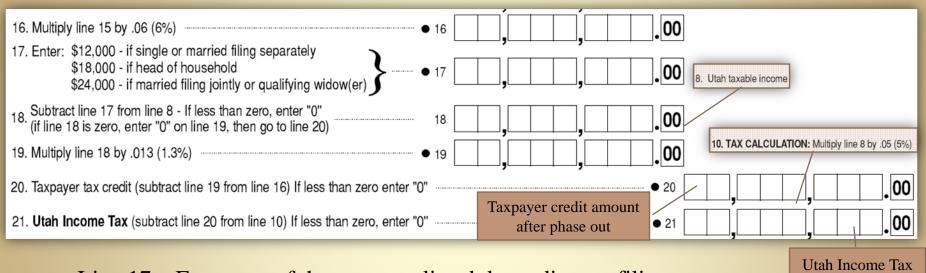






#### Taxpayer Credit Phase-out

The taxpayer tax credit is phased out on lines 17-19.



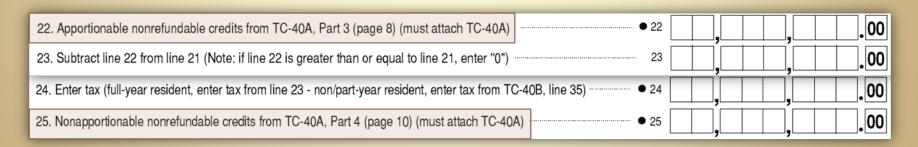
- Line 17—Enter one of the amounts listed depending on filing status.
- Line 18—Subtract the amount on line 17 from the Utah taxable income on line 8.
- Line 19—Multiply the amount on line 18 by 1.3 percent to get the phase-out amount.
- Line 20—Subtract the phase-out amount on line 19 from the initial credit amount on line 16. This is the amount of credit the taxpayer can actually take.
- Line 21—Subtract line 20 from the single rate tax amount on line 10. This is the **Utah Income Tax**.





This year the nonrefundable credits have been split into two types:

- Apportionable for non- and part-year residents
  - —Full credit is allowed for full-year residents
- Nonapportionable allowed regardless of residency status



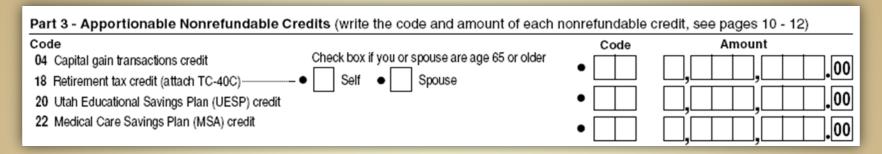
These credits are transferred from the TC-40A onto lines 22 and 25 of the return.





## TC-40A—Apportionable Nonrefundable Credits

There are four *apportionable* nonrefundable credits on Part 3 of the TC-40A this year.



#### Three of them are:

- Capital Gain Transactions
  - —Subject to the same restrictions as last year
- Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP)
- Medical Savings Account (MSA)

All of these are 5% of gain, investment, or contribution. There is no carryback or carryover of excess credit.







# TC-40A—Apportionable Nonrefundable Credits (Continued)

The fourth *apportionable* nonrefundable credit is the retirement credit. The initial credit is:

- \$450 for those age 65 or over
- \$288 or 6% of retirement income for those under 65 (whichever is less)
  - In this case, the taxpayer must have been born before 1953

This credit is phased out as the deduction/exemption was in prior years.

There is no carryback or carryover of excess credit.





## TC-40A—Nonapportionable Nonrefundable Credits

Two of the credits in Part 4 of the TC-40A have been modified:

- Research activities in Utah are
  - —5% of qualified expenses or
  - —5% of expenses to qualified organization
- Research Machinery or Equipment is
  - —6% of purchase price if used for research or
  - —6% of price if donated to qualified organization

The biggest change is that you may now claim credits in year of qualified expenses.

This means you may claim this credit for both the 2007 and 2008 tax years.







To recap, these are the items converted to credits for 2008 filing:

- Personal exemptions
- Standard or itemized deductions
- Retirement exclusion/deduction
- Medical Savings Account (MSA)
- Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP)
- Gains on capital transactions





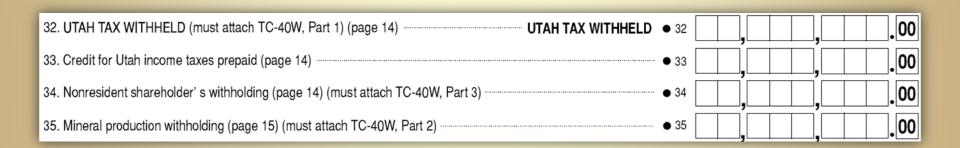
These are the items that were repealed and cannot be claimed:

- Disabled dependent exemption
- Half of the federal tax liability
- Health care insurance premiums
- Long-term care insurance premiums
- Adoption expenses





On page 2 of the return, the withholding reporting has been separated into four lines (32-35).



This was done to make withholding reporting easier.



This year you will copy the information from your withholding documents onto the TC-40W. You no longer have to attach your withholding documents to your return. This will help speed up processing.

Using this form will allow us to capture the data electronically. Eventually we will be able to compare this data to your employer's withholding information.

Part 1 - Utah Withholding T	ax Schedule	TC-40W Rev. 12/08
Your last name		Your social security number
Do not send your W-2s or 1099s with your return. Inste is Utah withholding on the form. If you have more than four		rms TC-40W, Part 1.
• A	<b>●</b> B	•c
Employer or payer W-2 or 1099 information	Employee or taxpayer information from W-2 or 1099	Utah withholding tax from W-2 box '17' or 1099
Utah withholding ID number from W-2 box "15" or 1099 "X" if 1099  Enter employer or payer ID from W-2 box "b" or 1099  Enter employer or payer name from W-2 box "c" or 1099  Address	Employee's SSN from box a  'X' if SSN is for spouse  Utah wages from box 16	UT withhold from W-2 box "17"/1099
City State Zip		
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# Examples

Let's go through a scenario to get a better feel of the single rate and taxpayer tax credit calculations.









## **Meet Gale Thompson**

Gale is a 70-year-old retired school teacher.

She is ready to file her 2008 Individual Income taxes.









### **Gale's Tax Information**

Gale has all her tax information ready to complete her return.

Name	Gale Thompson
Address	3421 Common Street
	Anytown, UT 84555
Social Security Number	111-12-3456
Phone	801-555-1234
Birth Date	08-22-1938*
Filing Status	Single
Federal Adjusted Gross Income	\$35,000
Standard Deduction	\$6,800*

<sup>\*</sup>Because Gale is over 65, she:

- Claims a federal standard deduction of \$6,800 (\$5,450 + \$1,350) on her 2008 federal tax return.
- Fills out form TC-40C her to calculate her retirement credit.



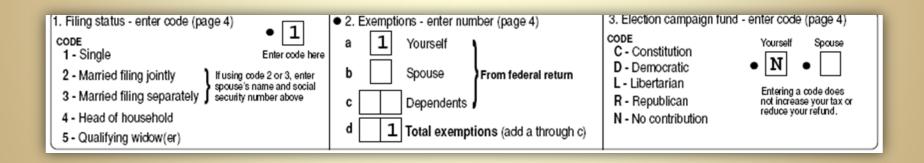






### Income Tax Return—Lines 1-3

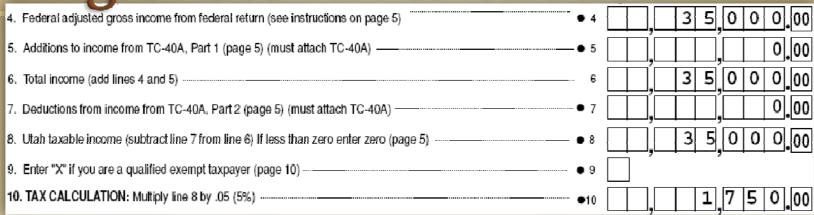
After entering her personal information on the top of the form, Gale starts with box 1. She notices the filing status order now matches the federal forms. She enters code 1 for her single filing status.



She enters an exemption for herself in box 2a and decides not to contribute to the Election campaign fund.



**Single Rate Tax Calculation** 



Gale starts by entering her federal adjusted gross income of \$35,000 on line 4.

- She has no additions to income, so she carries the \$35,000 to line 6 (total income).
- Gale also has no deductions from income, so she carries the \$35,000 to line 8. This is her **Utah taxable income**.
- She skips line 9 since she determined she is not a qualified exempt taxpayer by reviewing page 7 of the TC-40 instructions.
- She multiplies the \$35,000 on line 8 by 5 percent and enters her single rate tax of \$1,750 on line 10.

Now that she has completed the single rate portion of the return, Gale will calculate her taxpayer tax credit.



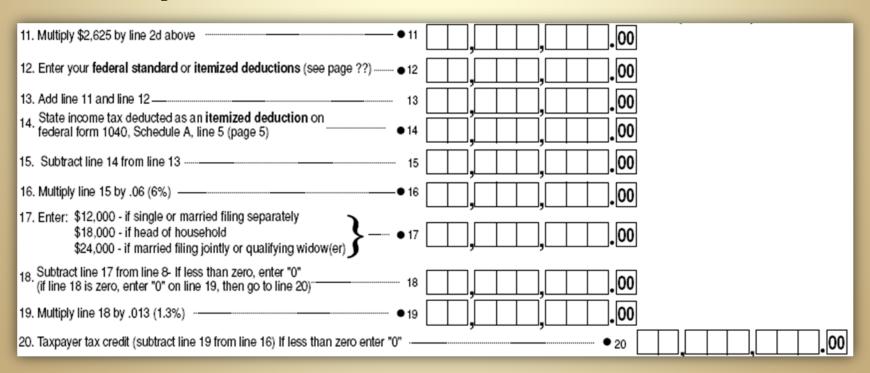




## **New Taxpayer Tax Credit**

The taxpayer tax credit is 6 percent of the Utah personal exemption and federal standard or itemized deduction added together. However, the credit phases out at certain income levels depending on filing status.

Gale sees lines 11-16 calculate the initial taxpayer tax credit and lines 17-19 calculate the phase out.

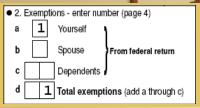


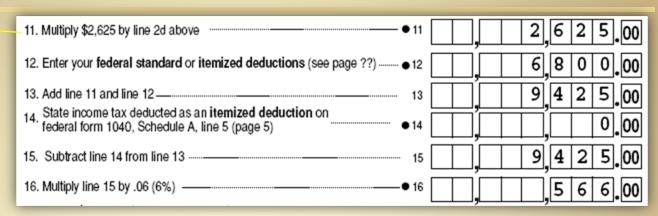






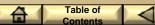
### **Taxpayer Tax Credit Calculation**





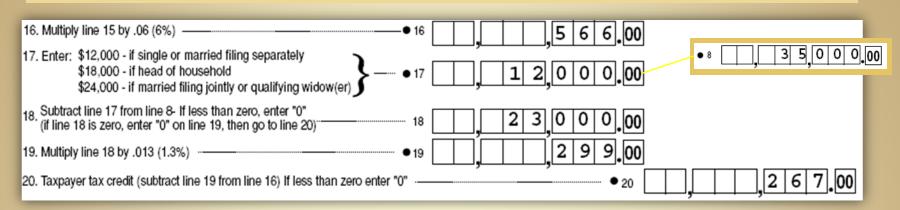
#### To calculate the initial taxpayer tax credit, Gale:

- Multiplies her total exemptions from line 2d by \$2,625 (the Utah personal exemption amount). She enters \$2,625 on line 11 since she is only claiming herself.
- Enters her standard deduction amount of \$6,800 from line 12 of her federal return.
- Adds the amounts on lines 11 and 12 and enters \$9,425 on line 13.
- Did not itemize so she does not enter the state income tax deduction on line 14.
- Carries the \$9,425 down from line 13 to line 15.
- Multiplies line 15 by 6 percent ( $$9,425 \times .06 = $566$ ).
- Enters that amount of \$566 on line 16. This is her initial **taxpayer tax credit before the phase out**.





## **Taxpayer Tax Credit Phase out**



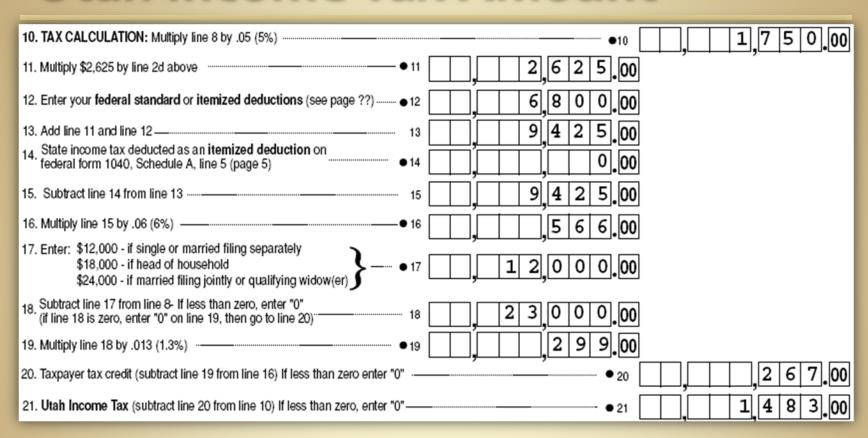
Now that Gale knows her initial taxpayer tax credit amount, she can calculate the phase out using lines 17-19.

- Since Gale is single, she enters \$12,000 on line 17 and then subtracts that \$12,000 from her \$35,000 Utah taxable income on line 8. She enters \$23,000 on line 18.
- She multiplies the \$23,000 by 1.3 percent and enters \$299 on line 19. This is her phase-out amount.
- After she subtracts \$299 from the \$566 on line 16, she sees her actual taxpayer tax credit is \$267. She enters this amount on line 20.





### **Utah Income Tax Amount**



Gale subtracts her taxpayer tax credit of \$267 (shown on line 20) from her single rate tax of \$1,750 (shown on line 10) and enters \$1,483 on line 21.

This is her **Utah Income Tax** amount.





### Retirement Credit Schedule (TC-40C)

Retirement Credit Schedule			TC-40C Rev. 12/08
Your last name		Your social s	security number
Dart 1 Taynayar Information		You	Spouse
Part 1 - Taxpayer Information  1. Date of birth (if born after 1952, you do not qualify for credit)	1	mm dd yyyy	mm dd yyyy
		You	Spouse
Part 2 - Age 65 or Older - Credit  2. Check box if you were age 65 or older and born before January 1, 1953 ······	2		Spouse
3. Enter total number of boxes checked on line 2			3
4. Multiply the number on line 3 by \$450			4 00
Part 3 - Under Age 65 - Retirement Income Credit 5. Check box if you were under age 65 and born before January 1, 1953	5	You	Spouse
6. If you checked a box on line 5, enter \$288 in the same column, otherwise enter "0"	6	00	00
7. Enter total qualified retirement income for column checked on line 5 (see inst.) · · · · · · ·	7	00	00
8. Multiply the amount on line 7 for each column by .06 (6%)	8	00	00
9. Enter the lesser of line 6 or line 8 for each column	9	00	00
10. Enter total of both columns of line 9			10 00
Part 4 - Calculation of Credit 11. Add line 4 and line 10			11 00
12. Enter total income from your TC-40, line 6	12	00	
13. Enter nontaxable interest received (federal form 1040 or 1040A, line 8b) (see inst.)	13	00	
14. Modified adjusted gross income (add line 12 and line 13) · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	14	oo	
15. Enter: \$16,000, if married filing separately	_		-
\$25,000, if single \$32,000, if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)	15	00	
\$32,000, if head of household  16. Subtract line 15 from line 14 - if less than zero, enter "0"	16	00	
17. Multiply line 16 by .025 (2.5%)			17 00
18. Retirement Credit -subtract line 17 from line 11 - if less than zero, enter "0"			18 00
Attach completed schedule to your 2008 Utah inco	ome	tax return.	

Gale has retirement income so she will fill out form TC-40C, *Retirement Credit Schedule*, to figure her credit amount.









### Retirement Credit Schedule (TC-40C)

Part 1 - Taxpayer Information		You	ı		Spouse	•
Date of birth (if born after 1952, you do not qualify for credit)	1	08 / 22 mm dd	2 /1938 yyyy	mr	m dd	уууу
Part 2 - Age 65 or Older - Credit  2. Check box if you were age 65 or older and born before January 1, 1953	2	You	1		Spouse	9
3. Enter total number of boxes checked on line 2 ······	••••		•••••	3		1
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She starts by entering her birth date on line 1 (August 22, 1938). Because she is over 65, she fills out part 2 by:

- Checking the box for herself on line 2
- Entering the number of boxes she checked on line 3 (1)
- Multiplying the number of boxes checked by \$450.
- She enters \$450 on line 4.

Since part 3 is only for taxpayers under age 65, she skips to Part 4 to calculate the retirement credit.







### Retirement Credit Calculation—Lines 11-14

Part 4 - Calculation of Credit 11. Add line 4 and line 10				11	450 00
12. Enter total income from your TC-40, line 6 ·····	12	35000	00		
13. Enter nontaxable interest received (federal form 1040 or 1040A, line 8b) (see inst.) ····	13	0	00		
14. Modified adjusted gross income (add line 12 and line 13) · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	14	35000	00		

#### She enters:

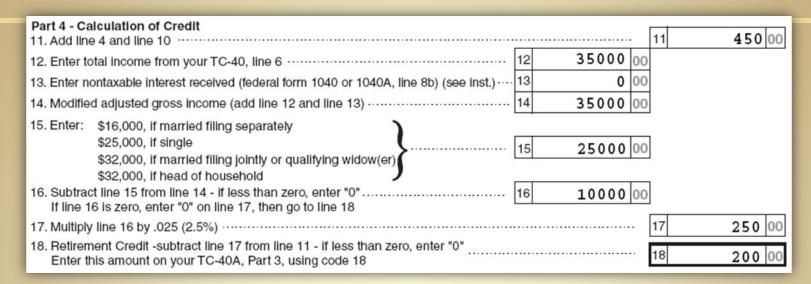
- The \$450 from line 4 on line 11
- Her total income of \$35,000 from line 6 of her TC-40 return on line 12

Because she has no nontaxable interest on her federal form, she enters 0 on line 13 and brings down the \$35,000 to line 14. This is her **modified** adjusted gross income.





### Retirement Credit Calculation—Lines 15-18



The retirement credit phases out at certain income levels depending on filing status. Since Gale is single, she enters \$25,000 on line 15. She:

- Subtracts line 15 from her modified adjusted gross income on line 14 and enters \$10,000 on line 16.
- Multiplies the \$10,000 on line 16 by 2.5 percent and enters \$250 on line 17.
- Subtracts \$250 on line 17 from the \$450 on line 11 and enters \$200 on line 18. This is the amount of her **retirement credit**.







### Income Tax Supplemental Schedule (TC-40A)

	plemental Schedule	TC-40A Rev. 12/08
Your last name		Your social security number
Thompson		111-12-3456
	e and amount of each addition to income, see p	,
Code	Code	Code Amount
51 Lump sum distribution	57 Municipal bond interest	,,,
53 Medical Savings Account (MSA) addback*	60 Untaxed income of a resident trust	
54 Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) addback *	_	
55 Reimbursed adoption expenses *	69 Equitable adjustments - attach explanation	
56 Child's income excluded from parent's return	•	
* To the extent previously deducted from Utah Inc	ome	
Total additions to income (add all additions to	income and enter total here and on TC-40, line	5) [],[],[],[],[00]
Part 2 - Deductions from Income (write the	code and amount of each deduction from incor	ne, see pages 5 and 6)
Code	Code	Code Amount
71 Interest from U.S. Government Obligations	78 Railroad retirement income	00,
77 Native American income Tribe	79 Equitable adjustments - attach explanation	
Your enrollment number Code	80 State tax refund included on 1040, line 10	
	82 Nonresident active duty military pay	
<ul> <li>Spouse's enrollment number Code</li> </ul>	85 State tax refund distributed to beneficiary	
	- 1	
	• [	
Total deductions from income (add all deduct	ions and enter total here and on TC-40, line 7)	
Part 3 - Apportionable Nonrefundable Cre	edits (write the code and amount of each nonre	undable credit, see pages 10 - 12)
Code		Code Amount
04 Capital gain transactions credit	Check box if you or spouse are age 65 or older	18 200.00
18 Retirement tax credit (attach TC-40C)	Spouse Spouse	
20 Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) credit	• [	
22 Medical Care Savings Plan (MSA) credit	• [	,,,,,
	• [	.00
	• [	
Total apportionable nonrefundable credits (ad	d all credits and enter total here and on TC-40, I	ne 22) 2 0 0 00

She transfers the \$200 retirement credit from her TC-40C to Part 3 of her TC-40A using code 18. She attaches both forms to her return.

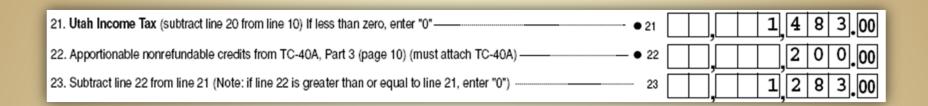








### **Utah Income Tax Liability**



Gale totals Part 3 of her TC-40A and carries the total (\$200 retirement credit) to line 22 of her return.

She subtracts that amount on line 22 from her Utah Income Tax on line 21 to get her **Utah tax liability** amount of \$1,283 on line 23.







## Electronic









### Electronic

There are some additional electronic updates to help you understand the tax changes this year.

- Incometax.utah.gov has both the 2007 and 2008 information (rather than just replacing the 2007 with 2008 instructions).
- There is a link to the income tax scenario in this tutorial at incometax.utah.gov as well as tax.utah.gov/training.
- Coming soon—Taxpayers filing electronic income tax returns for the **2009 filing year** will be able to pay their tax using ACH debit requests (no fee).



## paymentexpress.utah.gov

Just a reminder that you can use PaymentExpress to pay your income tax. However, there are a few restrictions:

- Payment amounts
  - \$1 to \$999,999
- e-Check (checking or savings)
  - \$1 per direct debit
- Credit card
  - American Express
  - Discover
  - MasterCard



Credit Card Fees				
Tax Amount Fee				
\$1-\$50	\$1			
\$51-\$100	\$2			
\$101-\$150	\$4			
\$151-\$200	\$6			
\$201-\$250	\$7			
etc.				



## **Interest and Penalties**









### **Interest & Penalties**

In case you were not aware, the interest rate is 5 percent for 2009

—Decreased from 7 percent the last two years

Also, Income tax penalties changed to a graduated structure in 2008 as follows:

Days Late	Greater of:
1 through 5	\$20 or 2%
6 through 15	\$20 or 5%
16 or more	\$20 or 10%

See Publication 58—Interest and Penalties for more information.









## Legislation

These are the bills that were passed to give us the changes discussed in this tutorial.

- HB 52	Research Activities	Tax	Credits

- HB 359 Tax Changes
- SB 11 Utah Venture Capital Enhancement Act
- SB 136 Apportionment of Business Income
- SB 137 Mineral Production Tax Withholding
- SB 185 Economic Incentive Revisions





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